



All Saints Congleton

Making Jesus known
living his way

Parish Profile



A message from the Bishop of Chester

Thank you for looking at this post in Chester Diocese. Whatever the Lord has for you, I want to assure you of my own prayers and a deep gratitude that we might get to partner together in this part of the Lord's work.

I have spent ages trying to capture the enormity of the privilege I feel in getting to serve the people of this diocese, and my words cannot bear the weight of that calling. This community of communities ranging from the very richest to the very poorest and the deepest rural to the most industrialised and urban is amazing. The diocese holds together in a shared sense of call to be 'Together in Christ Sharing Hope'. We have a deeply held vocation to serve the 1.5 million inhabitants who have no meaningful connection with a community of faith, and share the feast which has been shared with us in Jesus.

In Chester Diocese this is always going to be worked out locally first and foremost: no-one met Jesus through a Diocese! Lives are changed in Parishes, chaplaincies, and new expressions of Christian community, when people are invited in kindness and grace into transformative encounter with the love of the God who made them. Together we focus on our broad strategic aims so that those who know they are the people of God can serve all the people God calls in their everyday living.

We are utterly committed to safeguarding, because every person matters to our God and Saviour more than we know how to express. This is also why we welcome applications from every background for posts in this diocese. We are learning how to do all of this as guest rather than always as host, as we partner to serve the world to which we are sent.

If God is calling you to serve with us, I rejoice! Come, roll up your sleeves, and get stuck in! If the call is elsewhere then be assured of our gratitude and earnest prayer that the Lord will lead and provide in all things.

Please do pray for us, too – the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

+Mark, Bishop of Chester

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Summary

Welcome to All Saints, Congleton, and thank you for prayerfully considering if God is calling you to this exciting opportunity to lead and serve in our welcoming parish.

All Saints is situated in an attractive area of east Congleton in southeast Cheshire. It is an upbeat, busy town with a great deal of local participation. Residents are very invested in community life.

It is, as a result, a town whose population has grown considerably in recent years and is continuing to grow, being a popular place for people to move to. It is particularly well-liked by those with young families. The town benefits from several good primary schools and two large secondaries. Indeed, the spacious parish rectory is located within walking distance of Mossley C of E primary school. Our church is growing with a combined congregation of 120 at our weekly services with a mix of age groups, yet we aspire to become more relevant to this growing parish, its needs and the diversity of people who live here.

Our All Saints' family came together under one banner when four congregations combined in 2019. This means we are blessed to have a number of sites (churches and parish buildings), in different parts of the town, through which to deliver worship, and help contribute to our mission: *Making Jesus known, living his way*.

Utilising these buildings well, is both our strength and our challenge, so we are seeking a leader who will encourage and strengthen us to deliver our recently agreed strategy.



One of our Readers leading worship

The parish seeks an enthusiastic leader committed to a Bible-based ministry, prayer, and guidance from the Holy Spirit. This person will demonstrate strong leadership, have experience in significant parish change, and be capable of guiding our parish with confidence and compassion. They would apply pastoral, bridge-building skills to connect people across different backgrounds and age groups.

All Saints is blessed with a dedicated lay leadership team. The new incumbent will be someone who can foster a spirit of co-operation, working closely with those who lead church services and those who are passionately invested in various aspects of our mission and ministry. They will seek to equip all to follow Jesus' call, identifying and developing natural and spiritual gifts, stepping out together into the world to use these gifts in His service.

If this exciting opportunity inspires you - please read on.

The Person We Need

The PCC is supportive of the ministry of women at all levels in the Church and we pray that the man or woman whom God may have in mind for this parish will bring:

- A deeply rooted Christian faith, shaped by Scripture and prayer, with a life guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Proven leadership ability, able to unite people, navigate complexity, and build strong relationships within the church and wider community.
- Experience in managing change, delivering projects to completion, and communicating with clarity, tact, and diplomacy.
- The capacity to prioritise well, delegate effectively, and empower others to use their gifts in ministry.
- A commitment to growing a younger church, working collaboratively with the Children & Families Missioner to strengthen mission among children, young people, and families.
- Inspiration to all sections of our congregation to live out their faith in everyday life.
- A demonstrable commitment to fostering a strong and effective safeguarding culture in the parish.

What we want the new incumbent to do:

- Lead the Parish to deliver our defined plan for rationalisation and re-organisation of parish buildings.
- Foster a culture of open communication within the parish enabling people to both express their views and listen to the views of others.
- Support and encourage our vision to grow a younger church through mission to Children, Young People and Families by building an effective working relationship with the Children & Families Missioner.
- Encourage development of a financial strategy supporting our long-term Christian ministry in Congleton.
- Co-ordinate with the lay leaders the delivery of a continuing pattern of inviting, engaging and accessible services for our existing membership as well as currently unchurched people.
- In partnership with others strengthen, guide and support all those seeking to develop their Christian faith and ministry within the church.

The Broader Context



Congleton town centre

Congleton is a historic market town in south-east Cheshire, known for its community spirit, beautiful park, and rich industrial heritage.

It sits on the River Dane close to the Peak District and offers a blend of countryside charm, Victorian architecture, and lively local culture. The town is located halfway between Manchester and Stoke-on-Trent, making it well connected yet pleasantly rural.

Congleton has a rich and varied church landscape, ranging from historic Anglican buildings to modern evangelical congregations.

All Saints Congleton has four churches together with three community buildings. St. Peter's and St. Stephen's are Parish Churches whereas St. John's and Holy Trinity are Chapels of Ease.

St. Peter's	Grade I listed, classical rebuild, historic civic church	1740s–1780s
St. John's (Buglawton)	Simple 1840s design, organ loft	1840
St. Stephen's	Decorative interior, near park	1860
Holy Trinity (Mossley)	Prominent roadside church	1846

We are committed to serving our wider community with a vibrant weekly toddler group, weekly community lunches, and close links with local schools. Some of our buildings are used throughout the week by groups of all ages. We welcome children wholeheartedly. Our Sunday services, Messy Church sessions, and schools' engagement help young people explore faith in creative and engaging ways, led by our full-time Children & Families Missioner. We have a strong tradition of supporting the incumbent through lay leadership including four licensed readers and a pastoral worker who work alongside a large and gifted team of people drawn from the congregation.

In March 2026 the PCC, under the guidance of Bishop Sam, voted overwhelmingly to chart a positive way forward for the whole Parish. The past difficult and protracted issues of church buildings and finances are now being addressed. These important decisions will allow the finances to improve, whilst the various projects are progressed in an acceptable timeframe.

St. Stephen's Church is the main worshipping centre of the Parish where the needs of our young families and our older generation are addressed through modern and traditional styles of music, worship and liturgy at two distinct services every Sunday. The congregations enjoy fellowship together during a period of refreshments between the two services. St. Stephen's church is in good condition with a separate room used by the church for refreshments on Sundays and available for community hire and use by church

groups during the week. A car park (not church owned) on the other side of the main road is reached via a pedestrian crossing next to the church.



Confirmation candidates in St. Stephen's with Bishop Mark

St. Peter's church is a grade 1 listed building at the heart of the town. It is part of the Major Churches Network and has a significant place in the town's history. Here, a fresh expression of worship 'Space & Time' is offered every Sunday attracting people who prefer a less structured service or need time to reflect or share their concerns. St. Peter's also hosts major civic services and has good links with the Town Council. There are plans to redevelop and modernise the building led by an existing project group with a successful track record of developing facilities and major repairs to the church. Our project is long-term, partly supported by a legacy, with the aim of redeveloping this town centre church

into a flexible, comfortable building for use by community and church groups alike. It may take up to 5 years to gain the necessary permissions for the project and the redevelopment phase may take a further 5 years. There is a detailed and costed draft plan: "Transformational Change: Resilience and Relevance" developed over the last few years.

St. John's Church is a Chapel of Ease and used occasionally for some services. The choir vestry serves as a storage facility for groups using All Saints Community Centre close by. In 2016 the adjacent derelict Schoolmasters House and an underused Church Hall were both transformed into a vibrant community centre which is continuously used by both community and our church groups across the district. As part of the parish building strategy a project to redevelop St. John's church is being considered. The aim is to expand the success of the Community Centre by removing the pews and adding a small kitchen and toilet facilities to create a flexible church building for both community and church activities to thrive. This is a two-year project as plans are underway, but permissions and further funds will still need to be sourced.

Holy Trinity Church provides a mid-week communion service to mostly local people in Mossley who have been served by this church for 180 years. The congregation is relatively small, approximately 20 per week, but dedicated to worshipping in that area. The decision to close Holy Trinity church is part of the overall building strategy that may take some time to achieve.

The recently developed parish building strategy was defined with the aim of allowing our building ownership costs to be kept within our financial means, whilst focusing on the growth / development of a younger church. The strategy has been guided and supported by the input of Bishop Sam of Stockport.

Two of our community buildings, both in good condition, are situated on the other side of the crossroads from Holy Trinity church. Mossley Village Hall is well used by many Congleton groups. The Chappell Centre offers a contemporary environment, a Café and community lounge downstairs and an Upper Room well equipped for meetings and exercise groups alike.

About the Parish

Congleton is a friendly market town in Cheshire on the edge of the Peak District, with a population of 28,000 which is rapidly growing. It is well served by good road and rail links and is a 40-minute drive from Manchester Airport. The M6 motorway gives good access north and south with the M62 providing links to the east and west. Congleton railway station has direct links to Manchester to the north (40 minutes) and via Stoke-on-Trent (15 minutes) to London (less than 2 hours) and the south. A new link road to the west of the town was completed in 2021 and is now bringing increased development and population to the area.

The Parish of All Saints Congleton covers approximately 2/3rd of the population of the town including the centre and much of the eastern side of the town as well as a large rural area leading to the Peak District. The bulk of population growth lies in areas that are outside the parish, but many residents of these areas assume they are within it.

The population of the parish is 97% White with a relatively small number of Other Ethnicities. 53% of the population of the parish identify as Christian, 40% as no religion and small numbers of other faiths. There is relatively little deprivation but 3% of households report being deprived in 3 or more dimensions. The parish shows a bias towards older people particularly between 50 and 59 and the most common household type is single occupancy (19%) closely followed by single occupancy over 66 (14%).

In addition to All Saints Congleton there is another Church of England parish in the west of the town, St. James', which maintains a distinctive Anglo-Catholic churchmanship. Nearby is St. Mary's, Astbury whose incumbent is one of the patrons of our parish. There are several other churches including New Life church (independent, evangelical), St. Mary's Catholic church, Cross Street Pentecostal church, the United Reformed church and three Methodist churches. The wide availability of spiritual and pastoral support from the Christian churches is to be celebrated and indeed there is a degree of mutual support and shared activities brought about through Churches Together in Congleton (CTC) and other ecumenical links.



One of our local schools taking part in an RE Lesson at St. John's

Our parish is welcoming and community-focused, embracing the Anglican tradition. We combine traditional liturgy with clear, accessible teaching. Music is central to both of our Sunday services in St. Stephen's, supported by dedicated choirs with live music. We offer midweek communion, weekly study groups, and regular prayer gatherings. We believe that hospitality is the key to inclusion, and a deep sense of belonging. The parish is committed to Safeguarding and promoting an inclusive church, assisted by our dedicated and thorough Parish Safeguarding Officer who has enabled us to reach level 3 on the diocesan safeguarding dashboard.

The parish has many resources both physical and human and there is a strong tradition of lay leadership represented by our Readers, Pastoral Worker, Children & Families Missioner and volunteers from within the congregation.

About The Church

In addition to the incumbent there is an employed Church Office Administrator who works 12 hours per week and a full time Children & Families Missioner. The incumbent is further supported by four Readers and a licensed Pastoral Worker as well as a team of people who assist with leading not only the Sunday services but also outreach into care homes, leading one of the six house groups and providing other assistance. In total some 40 members of the congregation assist in leadership in one way or another.

A Worshipping People



Bishop Sam addressing the open-air Good Friday service

The Parish meets together 3 times on a Sunday. In St. Stephen's church the 'One Service' is a contemporary all-age service at 09:30 followed by refreshments and then by a traditional service at 11:00, with the two congregations mixing during refreshments. Both services are preceded by a time of prayer held in the side chapel and Communion alternates between the two services each week. The 'One Service' often includes live music from our small group of musicians and a singing group called 'One Voice'. It has an average congregation of 70 adults and 6 children which has shown increased attendance and growth with young families. The traditional service normally uses the organ and a small choir, with an attendance of around 30 adults. Once a month

both services are signed for the deaf and hard of hearing using British Sign Language and Sign Supported English.

Our third Sunday service is a lay-led fresh expression called 'Space & Time' that is held in St. Peter's between 11:00 and 12:00 and attracts around 10-15 people. 'Space & Time' provides time for socialising and encourages quiet prayer. There is a guided meditation, and it ends with a short act of worship which includes communion once a month. Some of the attendees have already attended the 'One Service' but there are others for whom this is their only contact with us. Encouragingly a number of people have moved from initial contact via this service into a deeper involvement in the parish.

There is a weekly Communion service on a Wednesday morning at Holy Trinity with a congregation of approximately 20.

On a monthly basis we hold 'Tea Church' which involves 30 minutes of worship followed by afternoon tea for the elderly (See Church Outreach below).

We have been increasing the frequency of our Messy Church with the ambition of providing this monthly. In 2025 we ran 9 events through the year, including a large event as part of 'The Hunt' Easter egg hunt which brought more than 70 people into church. Our regular events have now grown a distinct congregation with a nucleus of about 10 families who attend almost every time and increasingly some of

our newer families are attending more regularly. Last year we covered a series on the Parables of Jesus and from the autumn explored the different journeys that Jesus took and what we can learn from them. We attracted over 260 attendees over the 9 sessions.

Currently, six life groups meet on a weekly basis, with an additional group convening monthly. Each life group follows a distinct program tailored to participants at various stages in their Christian faith journey. All groups are led by lay members, except for one, which is facilitated by the Children & Families Missioner.

The Community We Serve

Church outreach activities

Church Led community activities at All Saints Community Centre and St. John's Church:

Once a month we have 'Tea Church' started as a monthly outreach in 2017 and now reaching over 50 people, some of whom are transported to and from the service from their homes by volunteers. It is an encouraging activity for mission into the community. It is a worship service that is informal and all are welcome. We sing, pray and enjoy fellowship, friendship and faith, as well as sandwiches, cakes and refreshments.



'Tea Church' in the Community Centre



Luncheon Club in the Community Centre

Luncheon Club is held most Fridays and has also run since 2017. Free transport is available to and from the event which reached a milestone last year of serving over 10,000 meals. Supported by the Town Council, Congleton Partnership, the local housing association, Social Prescribers and Cheshire East Council it provides usually 45x2 course hot meals most weeks.

Toddler Group – SHINE (Community Centre) runs a single session every Monday aimed at babies and toddlers and can accept up to 22 children but currently has an average attendance of 15. Children are provided with snacks and drinks as well as a bible-based story and the sessions finish with a sing song. Carers are also provided with refreshments. There is no charge but a suggested donation of £3. In the past numbers have been sufficient to run a second session after the first session.

Messy Church – (Community Centre and Church) has the ambition to run every month and consists of an hour of crafts followed by a celebration in Church and a communal meal. Average attendance is 10 families.

Holiday Club– (Community Centre and Church) runs during the summer holidays for a week in the mornings 9:30 to 13:00. The 2025 holiday club explored how we look after our incredible world, who needs to get involved and when we should start. Every day we have crafts, games, songs, baking, challenges, stories from the bible, and lots of fun to help those attending discover and explore the bible for themselves. We also provide a healthy lunch every day for all children attending. Attendance numbers grew by a third from the previous year to 26 primary-aged children, many of those returning from the previous year.

Yearly Tear Fund – THE BIG QUIZ (Community Centre) Once a year we take part in the Tearfund Big Quiz Night which is used as an opportunity to invite people to come along who normally avoid church events such as non-Christian partners or friends and neighbours.

Church Led community activities at St. Stephen's Church and Pillar Room:

Easter Egg Hunt (The Park and Pillar Room) during the Easter Egg hunt plastic eggs with tokens inside are hidden in the town park and people can exchange these for a real chocolate egg in St. Stephen's Church. Inside the church, refreshments are provided and several crafts are available like those provided at Messy Church. The most recent Egg Hunt in 2026 brought more than 100 people into the church.

The Bereavement Journey is a two hour per-week seven-week course aimed at those who have been bereaved. The materials are provided by the charity "At A loss" and it is run by our Pastoral Worker and volunteers. The average attendance has been 5 people per session.

Monthly Coffee Morning – Charity Fund raiser is held in St. Stephen's raising money for several local, national and international charities.

Church Led community activities at St. Peter's Church and Parish Rooms:

Civic Services such as an annual service to mark the induction of a new mayor and an annual community carol service.

Events are held on a Tuesday lunchtime, fortnightly from April to July as well as on occasional Saturdays and Sunday afternoons throughout the year. They make use of the excellent piano, organ and acoustic properties of the building.

Community Art Projects led by the Parish include the primary schools making El Salvador crosses and Snowflakes which are then exhibited in the church. Schools also participated in the 2025 project for Remembrance as we celebrated 80 years of the end of World War 2 by creating recycled poppies for a large display at St. Peter's Church in November.



El Salvador Crosses in St. Peter's



Snowflakes in St. Peter's

Community Festivals and events such as Congleton in Bloom and the annual Food Fayre are supported by complementary displays or by opening the church to provide support. St. Peter's became a venue for Congleton Unplugged weekend in the town for the first time in 2026.

Parish Office facilities are available in St. Peter's Parish Rooms providing internet access, printing, desk space and document storage.

Church led community activities at The Chappell Centre:

A **Bible Study Group** use The Upper Room weekly for their lay-led Thursday morning session and **Mothers Union** meet there monthly for their afternoon session. It is also available for various church meetings.

Community Activities hosted in our Buildings

All Saints Community Centre

Regular groups use about 2/3 of the available time; groups include Beartown Troupe, Ju-Jitsu, WI, Mug and Games, Dance&JustBe, Older Exercise Class, AcroDance, BearTown Singers, Change Grow Live, EDIFY Therapist, Local Residents meetings and RHS In-Bloom group.

St. Stephen's Pillar Room and Church

Regular groups such as Yoga, Diabetes Support and Bagpipe practice use some of the available time and the rest is available for hire.

St. Peter's Parish Rooms and Church

The United Reformed Church (which has closed its building), runs its Mums and Toddlers group in the Parish Room for 3 hours one morning per week. At other times the room is available for hire and to support Concerts by providing changing facilities.

The Church has seen total visitors to all events of 884 adults and 54 children (excluding services, 'Space & Time' and funerals). St. Peter's is open for visitors on alternate Tuesdays April to July and Saturdays from April to end of September.

Kids Planet Nursery have free of use of the toilet facilities and the outside space around the Parish Room in return for mowing the Parish Room grounds.

The smaller room in the Parish hall is occupied by the Parish office.

The Chappell Centre

The Chappell Centre Upper Room is regularly hired out by various community groups such as U3A and exercise groups. Several self-managed community groups meet informally for coffee and mutual support on a monthly basis in the community lounge.

Mossley Village Hall

Regular groups such as: Baby Ballet, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Sit Down & Dance, Acapella Madrigal Group, Danesford Dog Training Club and U3A Dance use the village hall.

Activities and Links with the Town Organisations, Schools and Charities outside our buildings



The Health and Wellbeing Fayre



Carols at Marks and Spencer

We are actively involved in a wide variety of Town organised events such as, The Health and Wellbeing Fayre, The Green Fayre, Christmas Lights Switch on, Food Festival, White Ribbon Organisation and many others at which we run stalls and activities with a Christian message.

We are also involved in Ecumenical activities such as Congleton Bible Week and Good Friday Town centre service.

The parish has a strong presence in the ecumenical Street Pastors providing several of the Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors.

Also, we have good links with the following organisations...Congleton Partnership, Town Hall, Town Trust, Congleton Unplugged, Congleton-in-Bloom, Cheshire East Bereavement.

Activities in Schools

The Children & Families Missioner serves Buglawton, Havannah, Marlfields, Marton and Mossley Schools with regular assemblies, reaching around 1300 students per year.



Marlfields School Harvest in St. Peter's

We have specifically reached 322 Year 4 students each year across all 9 primary schools in Congleton delivering 'Christmas in a Box' workshops. This was delivered by the Children & Families Missioner and a team of volunteers from All Saints, working ecumenically in conjunction with New Life Church and their staff and volunteers, supported by donations from the Parish and New Life Church. This activity included developing new volunteers taking part in the sessions for the first time.

The Children & Families Missioner delivered multiple courses of Walk Through the Bible: Old Testament and New Testament Mini as part of the RE curriculum to Havannah, Marton and

Mossley. He has delivered RE lessons at multiple schools to a mixture of year groups, and we have had multiple school visits from Mossley school to Holy Trinity church, from Marlfields school to St Peter's church and from Havannah and Buglawton schools to St. John's church.

Online Activities

There is a dedicated website, and the parish has a presence on A Church Near You, Facebook, Instagram, X, Threads, YouTube and Bluesky. A development of a separate web site for the heritage activities at St. Peter's was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and it is now maintained by the parish. The demographic make up of our online followers is quite different than the main congregation, being mainly younger. A weekly on-line prayer meeting is held at 6pm each Thursday evening with an average of 6 participants.

Buildings and Resources

The parish has been struggling to balance income and expenditure in recent years but is now making concerted efforts to address this. We continue to pay our parish share in full and all expenses. In addition to the general fund the parish has reserves, designated and restricted funds available.

The strength of the licensed and other lay leadership is shown in the over 40 volunteers from the congregation involved in leading services allowing the incumbent to take their full holiday allowance and days off and take time for training (Continuing Ministerial Education for Clergy - CME), reading weeks, personal development, retreat and academic study.

The parish comprises two parish churches, two chapels of ease, three community buildings and a modern spacious Rectory ideal for family living. Adjacent to St. John's church is All Saints Community Centre and close by Holy Trinity church are Mossley Village Hall, The Chappell Centre and the Rectory. In the grounds of St. Peter's church are the Parish Rooms which currently contain the Parish Office.

The Rectory



Rectory Front Aspect



Rectory Garden

The Rectory is a 4-bedroomed property at 2 Hartley Gardens, Mossley. This is an ideal modern family home with good sized, easily maintained gardens located very close to Holy Trinity church, and within walking distance of Mossley C of E primary school.

St. Stephen's Parish Church



St. Stephen's exterior



St. Stephen's interior

St. Stephen's is the venue used for the main Sunday services and is located near Congleton Park and the leisure centre. The building was completed in 1860 and has a picturesque interior with main nave and side aisles, the latter from which the pews have been removed. The Pillar Room provides the church with a flexible community space including a comfortable meeting room, toilet facilities, vestry and kitchen. It was constructed such that an upper floor, stairs and a lift could potentially be added in the future. The church is used for regular Sunday services with occasional baptisms, weddings and funerals and the Pillar Room is rented out to community groups during the week.

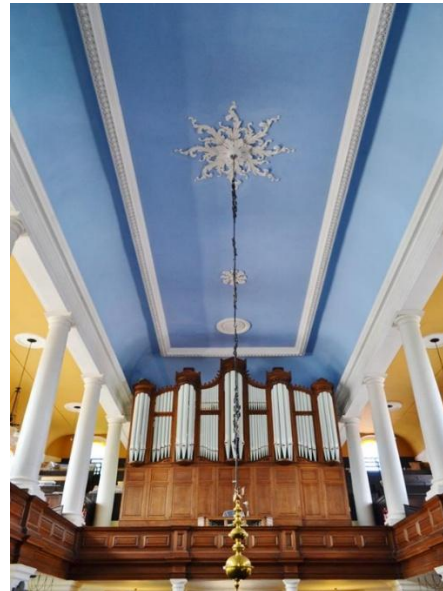
The church has a churchyard that is full and an application to close is about to be made.

There is a car park immediately opposite the Church, believed to be owned by the council, which is accessed via a pedestrian crossing. Currently we also have permission for Sunday use of nearby Berisfords Ltd car park .

St. Peter's Parish Church



St. Peter's from above



St. Peter's interior

St. Peter's is a grade 1 listed Georgian church located in the centre of Congleton. To create a building suitable for worship and community use in the 21st century an extensive programme of renovation and reordering is being developed which is expected to take up to 10 years. This will build on the major repairs already made which include replacement of the whole roof, restoration of the nave ceiling and restoration of the upstairs west windows. Developments would enhance the facilities added 2005-09; to create a multi-functional, comfortable and flexible worship space with additional toilet and kitchen facilities as a prime venue for town centre Christian and secular activities. A significant legacy will help us realise the vision.

St. Peter's is open for visitors on alternate Tuesdays April to July when concerts, talks and access to family history are organised. There is Saturday opening every week from April to end of September.

Additional concerts, art displays, prayer stations, take place at other times. It has recently joined the Pilgrim Church network and is part of the Major Churches Network.

St. Peter's has three churchyards with a Cheshire East town cemetery beyond. The two churchyards nearest the church are closed. There are legal reasons affecting the closure of the third area. There is currently an arrangement with the town council for help with the upkeep of the churchyards.

There is a Council operated car park on Chapel Street behind the St. Peter's School building that is on land leased from The St. Peter's School charity. Consequently, unlike most Cheshire East car parks, it is free to use after 6pm and on Sundays.

St. John the Evangelist Church (Chapel of Ease)



St. John's exterior



St. John's interior

St. John's church is situated off Buxton Old Road in Buglawton. The building dates from 1840, and encompasses a single main room without pillars, and a screened off narthex under the organ loft.

Architects' plans are being drawn up and quotes received to remove the pews and level the floor to create a multi-purpose building for everyday use by both community and church. All Saints Community Centre and Mossley Village Hall are both reaching their capacities and an investment in making the church multi-functional will enhance our standing in the wider community arena.

The church is used for occasional funerals and baptisms but suffers from a lack of car parking.

The church has a churchyard that is full and an application to close is about to be made.

Holy Trinity Church (Chapel of Ease)



Holy Trinity exterior



Holy Trinity interior

Holy Trinity Church is situated at the traffic lights in Mossley. The building dates from 1846 and encompasses a narrow nave without pillars, plus a balcony. The rear of the church was converted in 2011 to provide a separate West Room meeting space with facilities to make hot drinks, plus a toilet and baby changing area. The church is used for a weekly Wednesday morning communion service, for occasional use by Mossley C of E primary school and for baptisms, weddings and funerals. The church has a car park that is on PCC controlled land.

The church has a churchyard that is full and an application to close is about to be made.

The PCC is proposing to close this building and would like to retain at least some of the car park for use as overspill parking for our community buildings as well as by people visiting the graveyard.

All Saints Community Centre



All Saints Community Centre exterior



All Saints Community Centre interior

All Saints Community Centre is next to St. John's Church and contains a large hall, with mezzanine, catering kitchen, toilets and shower plus 2 smaller rooms upstairs in the old school master's house which is connected to the main building via a glazed hall area.

All Saints Community Centre has an annual footfall of approximately 13,000. A third of the time the community centre is being used for activities which are either led or directly linked to church activities such as the Shine toddler group, 'Messy Church', 'Tea Church' etc. The rest of the time generates revenue through community activities such as Jujitsu, WI, Dance&JustBe, etc.

Mossley Village Hall



Mossley Village Hall exterior



Mossley Village Hall interior

The Hall is currently managed by a Village Hall Committee which is responsible to the PCC. For almost seventy years it has provided a venue for clubs, societies, public meetings and private parties as well as for church social events and fundraising activities..

The Chappell Centre



The Chappell Centre exterior



The Chappell Centre Café area

The Chappell Centre is built alongside Mossley Village Hall, providing a Community Café and Lounge, and a hireable Upper Room equipped with audio visual and internet facilities.

The Chappell Centre is operated on behalf of the Parish by a limited company, CTP Networking Ltd. The current 4 Directors of CTP Networking Ltd are members of the Parish congregation.

The Chappell Centre facilities complement those of the current Mossley Village Hall and nearby Mossley Old School Community Centre by providing a more modern and well-equipped social amenity for the residents of Mossley and beyond. The Community Lounge is open Tuesdays to Fridays from 9.30-15:00 where the home-made cakes and light lunches are very popular. On term time Saturdays 09:00-12:00 a brunch style menu is available.

The Upper Room is hired out to several organisations providing a variety of activities such as Well-being courses, Pilates, Yoga, U3A and Silver Active clubs, etc.

St. Peter's Parish Rooms



St. Peter's Parish Rooms exterior

St. Peter's Parish rooms are sited alongside the grounds of St. Peter's Church. As well as accommodating the Parish office there are toilet and kitchen facilities and a large meeting space used for private hire. Currently there is only one regular hirer which is the URC toddler group.

There is a large, grassed space which is regularly used by the Kids Planet nursery and occasionally used by the parish for one-off community events.

St. Peter's School



St. Peter's School exterior

The St. Peter's School building is not part of the Parish in that it is owned by the St. Peter's School Charity; however, the incumbent is one of the trustees of the charity by right of position as are the churchwardens allocated to St. Peter's Church. The charity leases the school to Kids Planet Nursery and uses the funds to maintain the building and make grants to support its charitable purposes in Congleton. The charity is currently a major source of funding for the Children & Families Missioner. Under the lease the Parish can use the building on Sundays but due to the current level of occupation this facility is not able to be used at present.